

## **REMARKS**

In the Office Action February 13, 2006, the Office has indicated that claims 3-12 and 14-35 are rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Throughout the remainder of the Office Action, the Office has noted various inconsistencies in the use of terms throughout the claims as outlined in the recent Office Action. In response to same, Applicant has amended the pending claims to avoid the inconsistent use of terminology as outlined in the recent Office Action. Still further, amendments to the Specification have been variously made to clarify the present invention, and to provide support for the claims, as amended. Applicant is of the view that no new matter has been inserted into the Specification by means of the present amendment.

In view of the helpful suggestions made by the Office, the resulting amendments made to the claims, and the Specification as provided herewith, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant by and through their counsel requests that the Examiner of Record telephone the attorneys in the event that a further telephone conference could expedite the prompt handling of the present application which has now been pending in the Patent and Trademark Office for more than five years.

Respectfully submitted,

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